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TITLE OF INVENTION: WIRELESS LOCAL AREA NETWORK REPEATER WITH AUTOMATIC GAIN CONTROL FOR EXTENDING NETWORK COVERAGE

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- ☐ a. Applicant claims SMALL ENTITY status. See 37 CFR 1.27. ☐ b. Applicant is no longer claiming SMALL ENTITY status. See 37 CFR 1.27(g)(2).

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## Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 177 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 177 day(s).

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**Notice of Allowability****Application No.**

10/531,078

**Examiner**

SANH D. PHU

**Applicant(s)**

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**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the Amendment filed on 12/7/2010.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-49 and 51.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:  
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.  
(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached  
1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.  
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date 12/7/10
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

1. This Office Action is responsive to the Amendment filed on 12/7/2010.

### **REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

2. Claims 1-49,51 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1-49,51 are allowable over the prior art of record for the reason as stated in the Applicant's Remark dated on 12/7/2010 pages 12 and the reasons as below:

Regarding to claim 1, none of the prior art of record teaches or suggests a frequency translating repeater comprising: a detector circuit configured to detect if a signal is present on one of two frequency channels associated with the frequency translating repeater; a frequency translator configured to change a frequency channel associated with the signal from the one of the two frequency channels to an other of the two frequency channels; a gain control circuit configured to adjust a gain of the signal; and a delay circuit configured to add a delay to the signal to compensate for a signal detection interval and a transmitter configuration interval.. It would not have been obvious for a person skilled in the art to combine other prior arts of record in order to arrive at the claimed invention.

Regarding to claim 11, none of the prior art of record teaches or suggests a frequency translating repeater comprising: a detector circuit configured to detect if a signal is present on one of two frequency channels associated with the frequency translating repeater and to detect a received detected signal power of the signal; a frequency translator configured to change a frequency channel associated with the

signal from the one of the two frequency channels to an other of the two frequency channels; a delay circuit configured to add a delay to the signal to compensate for a signal detection interval and a transmitter configuration interval; and a gain control circuit configured to adjust a gain value of the signal at least in part based on the received detected signal power detected by the detector circuit. It would not have been obvious for a person skilled in the art to combine other prior arts of record in order to arrive at the claimed invention.

Regarding to claim 15, none of the prior art of record teaches or suggests a frequency translating repeater comprising: a detector circuit configured to detect if a signal is present on one of two frequency channels associated with the frequency translating repeater; a frequency converter configured to convert the signal from a radio frequency (RF) signal to an intermediate frequency (IF) signal; a frequency translator configured to change a frequency channel associated with the IF signal from the one of the two frequency channels to an other of the two frequency channels; a delay circuit configured to add a delay to the IF signal to compensate for a signal detection interval and a transmitter configuration interval; and a gain control circuit configured to adjust a gain value of the IF signal. It would not have been obvious for a person skilled in the art to combine other prior arts of record in order to arrive at the claimed invention.

Regarding to claim 22, none of the prior art of record teaches or suggests a method for frequency translation in a frequency translating repeater, the method comprising: detecting if a signal is present on one of two frequency channels associated with the frequency translating repeater; changing a frequency channel associated with

the signal from the one of the two frequency channels to an other of the two frequency channels; and adding a delay to the signal to equivalent to a signal detection interval and a transmitter configuration interval. It would not have been obvious for a person skilled in the art to combine other prior arts of record in order to arrive at the claimed invention.

Regarding to claim 30, none of the prior art of record teaches or suggests a method for frequency translation in a frequency translating repeater, the method comprising: detecting if a signal is present on one of two frequency channels associated with the frequency translating repeater; changing a frequency channel associated with the signal from the one of the two frequency channels to an other of the two frequency channels; adding a delay to the signal to compensate for a signal detection interval and a transmitter configuration interval; and adjusting a gain value of the signal in part based on a detected receive power level of the signal. It would not have been obvious for a person skilled in the art to combine other prior arts of record in order to arrive at the claimed invention.

Regarding to claim 34, none of the prior art of record teaches or suggests a method for frequency translation in a frequency translating repeater, the method comprising: detecting if a signal is present on one of two frequency channels associated with the frequency translating repeater and, if so, a receive power level of the signal; converting the signal from a radio frequency (RF) signal to an intermediate frequency (IF) signal; changing a frequency channel associated with the IF signal from the one of the two frequency channels to an other of the two frequency channels; adding a delay to

the IF signal to compensate for a signal detection interval and a transmitter configuration interval; and adjusting a gain value of the IF signal based at least in part on the detected receive power level of the signal. It would not have been obvious for a person skilled in the art to combine other prior arts of record in order to arrive at the claimed invention.

Regarding to claim 39, none of the prior art of record teaches or suggests a frequency translating repeater comprising: at least two receivers capable of receiving transmissions on at least first and second frequency channels; at least one transmitter capable of transmitting on the first frequency channel; at least one transmitter capable of transmitting on the second frequency channel; a detector circuit configured to detect if a signal is present on one of two frequency channels associated with the frequency translating repeater and for detecting a receive power level of the signal; a frequency translator configured to change a frequency channel associated with the signal from an initial one of the first and second frequency channels to a subsequent one of the first and second frequency channels; a gain control circuit: for adjusting a gain of the signal; a delay circuit configured to add a delay to the signal to compensate for a signal detection interval, a gain adjustment interval and a transmitter configuration interval; and a microprocessor capable of configuring the first and second frequency channels based on pre-determined parameters stored therein, wherein configuration of a specific frequency for the first frequency channel or the second frequency channel or both is based on the pre-determined parameters, and the pre-determined parameters include at least one parameter selected, from the group consisting of: regulatory transmitter

power limitations, regulatory out-of-band emissions limitations, and frequency separation between the first and second, frequency channels. It would not have been obvious for a person skilled in the art to combine other prior arts of record in order to arrive at the claimed invention.

Regarding to claim 42, none of the prior art of record teaches or suggests a frequency translating repeater comprising: means for detecting if a signal is present on one of two frequency channels associated with the frequency translating repeater; means for changing a frequency channel associated with the signal from the one of the two frequency channels to an other of the two frequency channels; and means for adding a delay to the signal to equivalent to a signal detection interval and a transmitter configuration interval. It would not have been obvious for a person skilled in the art to combine other prior arts of record in order to arrive at the claimed invention.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

***Conclusion***

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sanh D. Phu whose telephone number is (571)272-7857. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Fr from 8:00-16:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nay Maung can be reached on (571) 272-7882. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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